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Season's Greetings!

Soap Box—Words from our President



Happy New Year to All !!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and as always, the time never seems long enough for visiting family and friends. Before we can settle into the quiet times away from the hustle and bustle of shopping crowds, we have been flung that last corner and charging into 2002.

Time to make those New Year resolutions and start making plans for all the new and exciting adventures that will await us in the coming months. Its hard to believe a year has passed and now comes the time when I must QRT and turn the controls to my successor. As I look back over last year and compare notes to the board's original objectives, I can honestly say I believe we not only met them, but in some cases we far exceeded our expectations. A lot of major changes took place this year and this success can only be attributed to the fantastic members and volunteers of the 2001 board. I would like to thank each and every one of them for giving there all for "you", the club members, so you can continue to enjoy and be proud of your membership with this outstanding club.

I would like to extend an extra special thanks to Skip for doing a fantastic job of keeping things together and the club on track when we had to relocate. The V.P. position requires a lot of dedication and time without having to deal with finding a new location in a short amount of time or plan additional activities beyond the normal monthly meeting. Great job, I know he will be a fine successor. So next time you see Skip, Herb, Cathy, Charlotte, Harv, Neil, or anyone of the several past officers or Visalia Convention Committee members, take a moment and thank them for their time and effort. Its these peo-

ple that make this club what it is and its also these people who make it fun and enjoyable for all of us!

Before I get off my soapbox I would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as your President. It was a great honor to hold this position and even a greater honor to have made so many new friends over the past three years while serving on the board. As I step down I look forward to enjoying the activities the new board will have for us and of course, continue to support their effort in keeping us as the world renown, Southern California DX Club!

Remember this month we will be election of the 2002 Board. There will also be presentations and voting for the 2002 Visalia Patch and Golf Shirt. The Visalia committee can always use help from our members so if you would like to participate, contact one of the committee members.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for your support and assistance and for making this year a very memorable one for me. With this, my final column, I will sign off with a Very 73.

Elections

The elections for SCDXC officers will take place at the January meeting. The board has prepared a slate as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| President: | Skip Bolnick KJ6Y |
| Vice President: | Herb Rosenberg KG6OK |
| Secretary: | Jim Shryne N6DHz |
| Treasurer: | Cathy Gardineas K6VC |
| Membership: | Harv Shore K6EXO |
| Director: | Charlotte KB6FXS |

Also nominated for Director are: Larry-K6YUI, Neil-K6SMF, and Ira-K6IRA

Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM January 10, 2002 at the Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot.

Please do not park in the school lot.

The program for this meeting will be 2 Videos. One is "It started with a broken fence" followed by "Pile-Up Bust-ers"

The Veeeeep Speaks

I hope everyone had wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year, and Santa or Hanukah Harry brought you that new piece of equipment you've wanted.

Everyone had a good time that attended our Holiday Party at the Proud Bird. Thanks to Herb KG6OK for the great program. We had over \$1,000.00 worth of prizes and a few freebies, so no one should have gone home empty handed. I have a few logbooks and mouse pads left from Kenwood. I think the final total was 65 attendees, the largest attendance that I've seen. Let's see if we can break that record this next year.

This has been a very busy year for me. Being Vice President sure kept me going most of the time. I want to thank everyone who helped me out during the year. Especially Chuck KR6C, Rich and Pat W6VX and W6VXN, who helped make our picnic a huge success, Harvey W8DX for some good ideas, Charlotte KB6FXS for running the raffle and planning the dinner, Howard W6EGZ for donating prizes to the raffle, Neil K6SMF for the auction, all the members who helped with programs during the year, and especially my wife Marilyn N6GIL and Daughters, Andrea KF6BFM and Dana KF6RKU. I would also like to thank all the various vendors who helped out with the raffle prizes, either donating or giving a discount to the club. Please remember them when you are looking for your next purchase.

My congratulations to Chuck for doing an excellent job as president this past year. A lot of things came up during the year and Chuck handled them all very professionally. I look forward to his help this coming year.

The 'Convention Committee' is busy at work to make the 2002 DX Convention the best one ever. The committee is always looking for more volunteers. Contact Carl WU6D, Will K6NDV or

de Skip KJ6Y



Don N6IC if you would like to help. There are lots of small jobs where you can help and still enjoy the convention.

Remember, January meeting is 'Election of Officers'. Be sure to show up and cast your vote for the new slate.

See you there. 73 and good DX

Cathy, K6VC, sez —

I personally enjoyed 2001 as the SCDXC treasurer and with the events I shared with the club.

The picnic was a great success, Visalia was terrific meeting new friends and old friends.

Thanks to all for your support in sticking with us as we found a new place to meet. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

Please take care, stay healthy and work em'.

73'

Cathy

**SCDXC Web Page is at:
www.scdxc.org**

ARRL makes new DXCC announcements

30 meter award

Bill Moore NC1L told us that the ARRL will soon announce an award to start late in 2002 for DX worked on 30 meters.

T5/DL8YR accepted

The April 20 to May 22, 1993, operation of T5/DL8YR from Somalia has been approved for DXCC credit. The DXCC Desk does not have records of rejections prior to March 1, 1998. If your card was part of a submission on or before March 1, 1998, the card must be submitted for approval to DXCC with your next application. For more information, contact Century Clubs Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, dxcc@arrl.org.

QRP DXCC

The new QRP DXCC Award has been approved. The Award is given for working 100 different "entities" while operating with an output power of 5 W or less.

Standard DXCC rules also apply to this new award. Contacts made since November 15, 1945, are acceptable.

Dues

Club dues (still \$18.00) for 2002 are past due. If you have not sent in your check — now is the time. Checks should be sent to the membership chairman, K6EXO at 6433 Pat Ave. West Hills, CA 91307



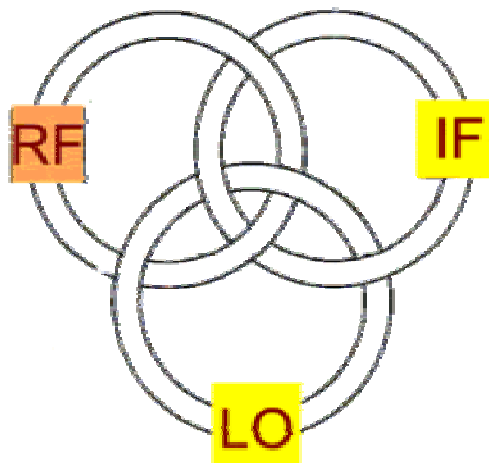
SCDXC 2001 Holiday Party



Ham Puzzle

By Milt, W6RJO

V. H. Ham is at it again. He has invented the great double qimlet twist Super Coupler. It is anticipated to be used in high quality receivers of the future to mix the incoming rf signal with the local oscillator (LO) to produce the IF signal, as in the diagram.



In this design passive mixing occurs due to the non-linear inductive characteristics of the loop materials, and importantly in that the three loops are physically linked. However, this system will never work. Why? Hint - Look **closely** at the diagram.



Last months snarl is shown above.

Elmer sez

We have not heard from our buddy Elmer for a while, so it was with great pleasure we received the following.

"Editor, I keep getting questions from both old timers and new kids. Here be some of the latest.

Q: What about "lists?" A lot of countries I need show up on these, but, I have been told not to work the lists.

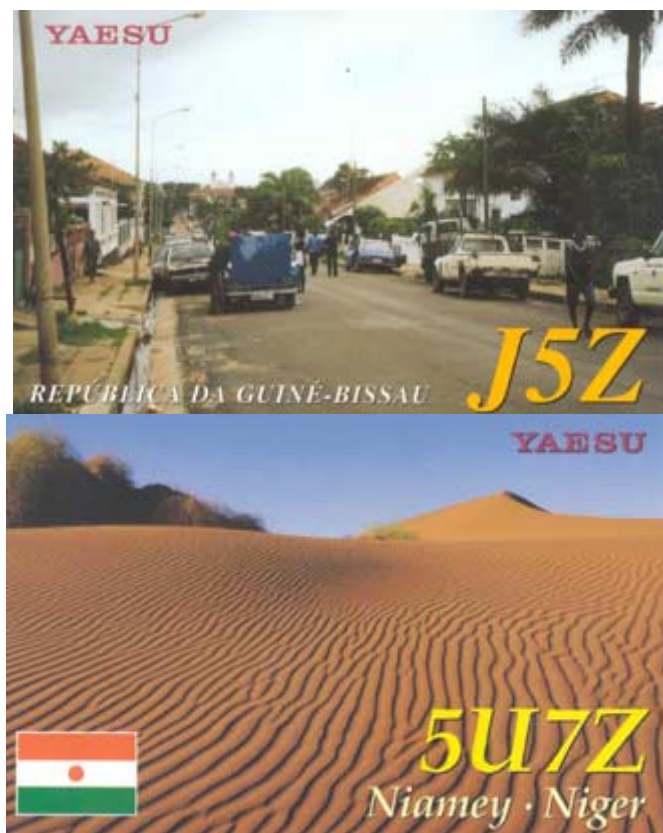
Worry not Max. Everything ends up on a list.....my bills, my wives 'honey do's', my dxcc submittal. I think lists are like taxes and death....that is they are unavoidable. Now the purist may not agree but I am sure he has a list of other things that bother him also.

Q: Do I have to send money with my QSL card?

A: Yes, but it should be glued to the back of the QSL with super glue so the post office thieves cannot remove it.



QSLs WE REMEMBER



Frank, DJ9ZB, an Honorary member of the SCDXC, has been on a number of DXpeditions over the years. He sends us a few of the cards from those trips.



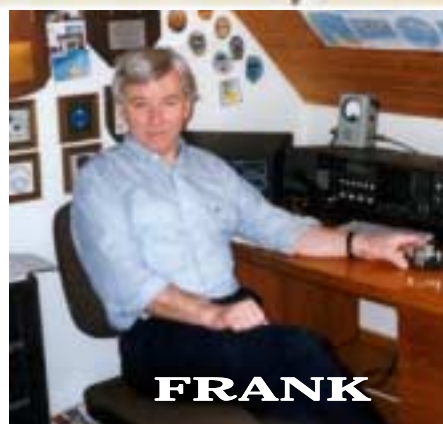
You are invited!

The newsletter wants YOUR card to share.

If you have been on a DXpedition we want your cards for this page.

Send cards — or a scanned image — to the editor.

Add a few words about them and be "published".



Propagation—January 2002

by Shel, W6EL

These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are



expected to be active during the coming month. Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 205, corresponding to a sunspot number of 155, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed.

Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

VP8 S. Georgia - 1/10 -
Beam 141 degrees
Sunrise/sunset 0621/2246
80: 0400-0630.
40: 0200-0700.
20: 0000-1030.
15: 2230-0500.
10: 1500-0200.

FY French Guiana - 1/12 -
Beam 100 degrees
Sunrise/sunset 0946/2132
80: 0200-0900.
40: 0200-1000.
20: 0000-1000.
15: 1800-0230 and 1400-1430.
10: 1430-2400.

P5 North Korea - 1/18 -
Beam 315 degrees

Sunrise/sunset 2255/0837
80: 0900-1500.
40: 0800-1530.
20: 0430-0600 and 1500-1800.
15: 2200-0330.
10: 2300-0200.

3D2 Fiji Beam - 1/18 -
Beam 240 degrees
Sunrise/sunset 1749/0643
80: 0800-1430.
40: 0630-1430.
20: 0430-1200 and 1430-1700.
15: 1600-2030 and 0030-0500.
10: 1830-0330.

VP5 Turks and Caicos - 1/20 -
Beam 94 degrees
Sunrise/sunset 1130/2224
80: 0230-1130.
40: 0100-1200.
20: 1330-0300.
15: 1500-0030.
10: 1600-2230.

VP8 South Orkney - 1/28 -
Beam 150 degrees
Sunrise/sunset 0653/2332
80: 0400-0630.
40: 0200-0800.
20: 0100-1030.
15: 2300-0730.
10: 0030-0130 and 1500-2200.

Spotting Derby

de K6EXO



Band conditions have been pretty good. A few good openings on 10 meters brought

out some of the gang who have been quiet for some time.

The 2001 spotting champ will be announced next month. He will receive the new perpetual "globe". Here are the results for Dec 2001.

| Spotter | Spots | Score |
|---------|-------|-------|
| K6YRA | 244 | 557 |
| W6LAX | 203 | 312 |
| W6AUG | 54 | 121 |
| W6VX | 36 | 117 |
| W6TG | 44 | 114 |
| WA5VGI | 44 | 111 |
| KR6C | 56 | 109 |
| WA6TLA | 32 | 72 |
| N6KZ | 43 | 71 |
| N6DHZ | 36 | 58 |
| K6WM | 21 | 56 |
| K6IRA | 30 | 49 |
| AI6Z | 13 | 39 |
| N6IC | 10 | 38 |
| K6GXO | 12 | 36 |
| KG6OK | 9 | 35 |
| AD6KQ | 15 | 34 |
| KC6T | 14 | 31 |
| N6HY | 15 | 29 |
| KJ6Y | 11 | 29 |
| N6AV | 8 | 22 |
| K6YUI | 9 | 21 |
| N6RT | 6 | 19 |
| W6ZH | 11 | 18 |
| W6KK | 15 | 17 |
| W6EA | 3 | 17 |
| WO6M | 10 | 16 |
| KN6H | 10 | 14 |
| W3SE | 16 | 13 |
| K6JW | 6 | 11 |
| W6SR | 4 | 9 |
| K5KT | 1 | 7 |
| K2PLF | 2 | 6 |
| K6FR | 1 | 6 |
| W6YOO | 1 | 6 |
| WA6WXD | 2 | 5 |
| AA6RK | 1 | 5 |
| WB9AWX | 1 | 5 |
| K6ACZ | 9 | 4 |
| W6GA | 1 | 4 |
| N7CQQ | 3 | 3 |
| W6FW | 3 | 3 |
| K6FG | 1 | 3 |
| W6RT | 1 | 2 |

**2002 VISALIA CONVENTION NEWS**

Check out the new web page devoted to the convention at www.qsl.net/visalia2002

PRB-1 News

In one of the most favorable PRB-1 court rulings in years, a New York amateur has won a three-year battle to erect a tower on his property. The US District Court for the Northern District of New York has ordered the Saratoga Springs Planning Board to grant Randall J. Palmer, N2NVH, a special use permit for a 44-foot antenna support structure. PRB-1 is the limited federal pre-emption that requires localities to reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communication.

New Style IRCs

On 1st January 2002, a completely new style of IRC will be introduced. This new type of IRC will be larger than those presently in circulation and will remain valid until 31st December 2006. The name of the country of origin will be printed on these coupons as a matter of course. Also printed on them, amongst other things, will be a standardized UPU bar code containing the ISO code of the country and the date of printing. Each country's postal administration will have the option of printing the selling price on the coupon itself.

The old style coupons will be withdrawn from sale on 31st December 2001. Properly validated coupons will continue to accepted for exchange for postage stamps until further notice from the UPU.

Novice Bands

The ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee has recommended that the ARRL petition the FCC to eliminate the CW novice subbands and allow Novice and Technician with element 1 credit licensees to operate CW on the general 80, 40, 15 and 10 meter cw allocations at up to 200 W output. The panel suggested recognizing portions of those bands for "slow CW operation" to aid new CW operators in enhancing their skills. The committee recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands in part to allow expansion of the phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

Accepted for Credit

The DX desk at ARRL reports that:

ZK1NCI (North Cook Island) is now being accepted for DXCC credit. Anyone who had this rejected during a past submission can contact DXCC at: dxcc@arrl.org for an update to his or her record. Or, it can be sent with the next submission for credit. (This operation occurred in January and February 2000)."

Also, T5/DL8YR, Somalia from 1993 has been approved for DXCC credit. If your card was part of a submission dated March 1, 1998 or before, the card must be sent along with your next application for approval. (This operation dates were from April 20, 1993 to May 22, 1993).

And finally, XU7AAR (Cambodia) is now being accepted for DXCC credit. Anyone who had this rejected during a past submission can contact DXCC at --- dxcc@arrl.org --- for an update to his or her record. Or, it can be sent with the next submission for credit. (This operation occurred

Membership Notice

Do you have a friend who should be a member of the SCDXC?

Send the membership chairperson (membership@scdxc.org) his e-mail address and they will receive a copy of the newsletter with your compliments along with an invitation to attend our meetings and join the club.

YA Rundown

YA5T has been issued to Peter/ON6TT, Matts/SM7PKK and Robert/S53R. The callsign may be used on all bands. Wayne Mills, N7NG/1, Manager of the Membership Service Dept for the ARRL, reports: "The DXCC Desk has received acceptable documentation for YA5T operated by ON6TT, 53R, SM7PKK or ON4WW. The documentation is for QSOs made November 20, 2001 and after. No other callsigns or operations have been approved as of this date."

The team members all work for the United Nations World Food Program. Only Peter, ON6TT, is now in YA. The others will come in and out of YA as required by their organization. So for the first couple of weeks or months, operations will operate after normal work duties. Peter is expected to be on the air in the evenings local time. At this moment the equipment will be low power only, with limited antennas, restricting pileup operations to the main stream bands.

Once the working conditions and security arrangements allow, the team will mount a much larger scale operation. The license has no time restriction, and allows the team to operate from anywhere in YA from 160m up to SHF, with power up to 500W..... The earlier operation of YA/ON6TT/M is not valid for DXCC.

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Send in your registration to N6IC now!

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